

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, prenumbered lines 10-13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a gaming apparatus, such as a slot machine, pachinko machine or other gaming apparatus, which ~~comprise~~ includes a variable display means to variably display symbols required for a game and a controller to control the varying of the display.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 8-11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As for a procedure of playing a game, a game is started by insertion of a game token into the game token insertion slot 114. The controller then controls the variable display unit to spin the reels 104 to 106 according to an operation of the start lever 115 by the player, and symbols are then variably displayed.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 12-22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To achieve the object, ~~in the present invention described in the claim 1,~~ a gaming apparatus comprises a variable display unit configured to variably display a plurality of symbols, a front side display unit located in front of the variable display unit and configured to enable viewing of the symbols displayed by the variable display unit, a backlight, which is set in the front side display unit in order to light up the symbols displayed by the variable display unit, an internally winning prize determiner configured to determine an internally winning prize, a stopping controller configured to stop the varying of display of the variable display unit based on a result of determination by the internally winning prize determiner,

and wherein a prize is awarded if a stopped state displayed on the variable display unit, which is caused by the stopping controller, matches a prescribed stopped state.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 23-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present invention ~~described in claim 2~~, the backlight is set between the front side display unit and the variable display unit.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 25-27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present invention ~~described in claim 3~~, the front side display unit displays a prescribed object on the periphery of an area where viewing of the symbols displayed by the variable display unit is enabled.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 1-3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present invention ~~described in claim 4~~, the gaming apparatus further comprises a plurality of stoppers configured to stop the varying of display of the variable display unit.

Please replace the Disclosure of the Invention at page 39 as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~